Questions from Ultranet Industry Briefing

3.30pm to 4.30pm, Tuesday 19th December, 2006
Rooms G1 - G3, Department of Education
2 Treasury Place, Melbourne 3000

1. How do vendors form consortia? Will the Department of Education (DoE) be giving vendors any assistance?
DoE has placed each industry briefing registrant’s names on the Ultranet website¹ (save for those who have requested they not be displayed) and hold these briefings to facilitate networking.

2. How does DoE see the delivery of functionality and services being reflected in the tender — are several providers required?
If a vendor can only fulfil some of the requirements, that vendor’s tender will not be compliant with the tender requirements. Such providers will probably need to combine with others.

3. Is the Ultranet a whole-of-government matter?
Yes. There are parts of the tender that have whole-of-government implications. DoE may lead some of the issues, but it is not in a position at present to quantify those issues yet.
Note, that DoE has reconstituted the Ultranet Project Board - a new board for the evaluation and implementation phases of the project.

4. Is the Ultranet a mandated rollout?
DoE has some funding. The strategy is mandated.

5. Is the current pilot available for the tender respondents to see?
No.

6. Is the current vendor in the pilot (the incumbent) ineligible for the tender?
No.

7. Has DoE looked at other states and internationally to see what systems are available?
DoE has investigated systems in Scotland, the USA and in other states in Australia.

8. Is school transformations part of this project?
Yes. School readiness and migration is a challenge in this project.

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